

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 which would not allow satellite customers to hear any local weather, traffic, or other type of local programming. Satellite radio is a subscription service, putting in a different than broadcast radio. As an XM subscriber, and I speak for all those who I personally know are XM subscribers, the local stations have truly become obsolete on my radio. Any additional programming on XM, including local stations, will not change my listening habits. I am sure I speak for many satellite subscribers. The same holds true for satellite television. With so many choices, the local stations become less relevant. I sincerely hope that XM expands its local coverage to sports and other news. Satellite subscribers are growing because the medium is superior to FM/AM. Why limit their choices when you would only be hurting subscribers' rights to choose and pay for satellite radio? Supporting petition 04-160 does not help the local stations or encourage satellite subscribers to listen to local stations. Most important, it seems like a form of censorship and a violation of our core constitutional rights.